(घ) क्या सरकार ऐसे कार्यालयों को कारगर बनाने के लिए राज्य व्यापार निगम की सहायता और सहभागिता प्राप्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में राज्य व्यापार निगम की भूमिका क्या होगी?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बोला बुल्ली रामैया): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Government's revised stand on disinvestment

*142. DR. MOHAN BABU:
DR. Y. IAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's revised stand on disinvestment; and

(b) the present stand of the Government in regard to the role of the public sector in the economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Government desires that disinvestment should be done in a transparent manner and should take into consideration the interests of various stake-holders, including the workers A Disinvestment Commission has been established in August 1996 to advise the Government on matters relating to disinvestment.

(b) The public sector will continue to be an important component of Indian industry. Public Sector Undertakings should become strong, competitive and efficient.

Investigation into Anti-Dumping Duty on PTA

*143. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATO SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering investigation into anti-dumping duty on PTA, against an application by an Indian private company, which is not even a producer of PTA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stop any move by the Indian producer to restrict imports in order to monopolise and usurp profit in a PTA deficit country, especially where the end produce of PTA, is used by small scale units giving employment to poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (c) Some petitions have been received very recently by the "Designated Authority" notified under the Customs Tariff Act, 197S, seeking investigation of alleged dumping of PTA into the country. The "Designated Authority" is undertaking preliminary examination of these petitions to decide whether or not a regular investigation on merits should be undertaken. During actual investigations, opportunity is afforded to all concerned interests, including users, to present their point of view before the Authority.

Average consumption of paper

*144. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the average consumption of paper in India and the developed countries; and

(b) the per capita consumption of paper in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The per capita annual consumption of paper in India and in some of the developed countries is as under:—

India	3.00 Kg.
Japan	80.00 Kg.
Germany	12.00 Kg.
U.S.A.	300.00 Kg.

(b) Per capita consumption of paper, state-wise in the country, is not centrally maintained.